

Preparing for Public Health Emergencies through Tabletop Exercises

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Course Description:

This training will provide instruction on how to design and conduct a tabletop exercise in preparing for a large-scale public health emergency or a bioterrorism event. It will give participants an understanding of how to identify and incorporate important emergency response issues such as communication, resources, data management, interagency coordination, and legal responsibilities into a tabletop exercise. This training will allow participants to gain confidence and skills in facilitating a tabletop exercise to a variety of audiences through mock presentations and question and answer sessions. This training is aimed for people working in a variety of settings or organizations who have responsibilities for preparing for and responding to large-scale public health emergencies.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the purpose and objectives of effective emergency preparedness exercises.
2. Identify the key elements and terminology associated with a local and state emergency response system.
3. Design an emergency preparedness tabletop exercise.
4. Facilitate a tabletop exercise
5. Recognize key policy issues associated with an effective public health emergency response system.